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**Jean Poindexter Colby**

1909-

**Nationality:** American**Year of Birth:** 1909**Place of Birth:** Pine Orchard, CT**Place of Death:** Duxbury, MA**Genre(s):** Children's fiction, History**Table of Contents:**

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**Personal Information:** Family: Born July 26, 1907, in Pine Orchard, CT; died March 7, 1993, in Duxbury, MA; daughter of Charles Edward and Lena (Steinhopf) Poindexter; married Fletcher Colby (died August 15, 1966), 1932; children: Antonia (Mrs. Robert Shoham), Peter Fletcher, Jean. Education: Wellesley College, B.A., 1928; Religion: Episcopalian. Avocational Interests: Golfing, curling, fishing, and gardening. Memberships: The Country Club (Brookline, MA).

**Education:** Entry Updated : 11/29/2001

**Career:** Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, MA, editor, 1945-50; Pellegrini & Cudahy, New York City, editor, 1950-52; Farrar, Straus & Cudahy, New York City, editor, 1952-56; Hastings House, Inc., New York City, editor, 1956-72.

**WRITINGS BY THE AUTHOR:**

**All published by Hastings House, except as indicated:**

- (With Louise Sanders) *The New Wellesley: With Thirty Illustrations of the New Wellesley College*, privately printed, 1931.
- *Peter Paints the U.S.A.*, Houghton, 1948.

- *The Children's Book Field*, Pellegrini & Cudahy, 1952.
- *Jim the Cat*, Little, Brown, 1957.
- *Jenny*, 1957.
- *The Elegant Eleanor*, 1958.
- *Dixie of Dover Dover: A Boy and Dog Story*, Little, Brown, 1958.
- *Tear Down to Build Up: The Story of Building Wrecking*, 1960.
- *Writing, Illustrating and Editing Children's Books*, 1967.
- *Jesus and the World*, Hastings House, 1968.
- *Mystic Seaport: The Age of Sail*, 1970.
- *Plimouth Plantation: Then and Now*, 1970.
- *Building Wrecking: The How and Why of a Vital Industry*, 1972.
- *Lexington and Concord, 1775: What Really Happened*, 1975.

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